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BIG WIN FOR INDIAN AMERICANS AS 5 ELECTED TO HOUSE OF REPS
Raja Krishnamoorthi, Ro Khanna, Pramila Jayapal, Shri Thanedar and Dr Ami Bera have been elected to the House. All five are Democrats and were widely expected to win, though initial surveys projected a Republican wave. However, US President Joe Biden's Democratic Party appears to have strongly pushed back against Donald Trump-led Republican Party, preventing the latter from sweeping the House of Representatives and other elected bodies | P12



Appeal against Babri acquittal dismissed

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court on Wednesday dismissed a criminal appeal filed by two Ayodhya residents challenging the acquittal of all 32 accused, including former deputy PM L K Advani, in the Babri demolition case.

A bench comprising Justice Ramesh Sinha and Justice Saroj Yadav rejected the plea filed by two persons at the admission stage, questioning their locus standi saying they were not victims of the demolition. "The two appellants cannot be treated as 'victims', therefore, they have no locus standi to maintain the instant appeal," the bench said.

The appeal was filed by two Ayodhya residents — Haji Mahmood Ahmad and Syed Akhlaq Ahmad — challenging the 2,300-page judgment of special judge SK Yadav of the Lucknow CBI court, on September 30, 2020, acquitting all 32 for lack of adequate evidence. Apart from Advani, the other accused in the case included the then UP chief minister Kalyan Singh, BJP leaders Dr Murlidhar Joshi, Uma Bharti, Vinay Katiyar, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, besides Ritambhara.

The appellants had claimed that they were witnesses in the trial stage and were victims of the demolition.

Opposing the appeal, CBI's counsel Shiv Shukla, state government's lawyer Arunendra and senior counsel Raghendra Singh representing VHP leader Champat Rai, argued that the two appellants were neither complainants nor victims, adding they cannot appeal as strangers against the verdict of the trial court. After hearing both sides, the bench had reserved its order on October 31.

Referring to a full court verdict in the Manoj Kumar Singh case, the bench observed: "This Court is of the opinion that the instant criminal appeal filed on behalf of the appellants under Section 372 CrPC, is liable to be dismissed on the ground of non-availability of the locus standi to the appellants for challenging the judgment of the special CBI court."

The disputed structure was razed by a mob of kar sevaks in Ayodhya on December 6, 1992, triggering riots that left hundreds dead across the country.

The top leadership of the BJP and the Vishwa Hindu Parishad was present in the temple town on that fateful day.

SERVING COMMON MAN IS PRIORITY, SAYS NEW CJI

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

JUSTICE D Y Chandrachud was on Wednesday administered the oath of office and secrecy as the 50th Chief Justice of India (CJI) by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. He will have a tenure of two years till November 10, 2024, a day before he completes 65 years.

With his father Y V Chandrachud being the country's longest

serving CJI (1978-1985), the new CJI also entered record books as the first father-son duo at the Supreme Court's helm in India.

Justice Chandrachud began his day at the Supreme Court by garlanding the statue of Mahatma Gandhi on the premises. He and his wife also paid tribute to the national flag in his chamber.

In his first statement to the media, he said he would instill



President Droupadi Murmu administers oath to D Y Chandrachud as the CJI at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Wednesday | P1

people's faith in the SC not only by his words but also by his work. "My priority is to serve

the common man, be it in terms of technology, registry and judicial reforms. We'll consider the needs of the common man in every aspect." To lawyers who congratulating him for occupying the high office, he said, "I'll try to make it no-stress court."

Appointed as SC judge in 2016, Justice Chandrachud overturned verdicts of his father in 2017 and 2018. In the famous Aadhaar ruling, he had struck a discordant note by dis-

sending with the majority and ruling that Aadhaar was unconstitutional passed as money bill and was violative of fundamental rights.

He had also dissented in a case relating to the arrest of five human rights activists for allegedly incited violence at Bhima Koregaon, as the other two judges of the bench had allowed the Pune Police to continue their investigation as per law.

India hope to cross English challenge

England stand between India and a second global final against Pakistan in this format. A look at the second semifinal...

India seek first white-ball final since 2017 World Cup

The Men in Blue have not enjoyed their time in ICC knockout matches. They have won only one of their last five white-ball knockout matches so far. With Rohit Sharma, a serial franchise winner, appointed for the express purpose for games like these, the onus is on them to turn fortunes around



Babar Azam and Mohd Rizwan scored half tons against NZ

Short square boundaries

On a used surface, the understanding of dimension becomes all the more important. Adelaide has very short square boundaries and the team that used this to their advantage, could well come out on top | P17

PAKISTAN LIE IN WAIT

In the first semifinal on Wednesday, Pakistan coasted past New Zealand to advance to the summit clash. A target of 153 could have been tricky but Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan strung together a big partnership, helping the team to a big seven-wicket win

RISHAB PANT OR DINESH KARTHIK? INDIA WILL DECIDE ON KEEPER'S SLOT BEFORE THE GAME ON THURSDAY

TODAY'S MATCH
India vs England @ 1.30 PM, Adelaide

EXPRESS READ

Facebook parent Meta cuts 11,000 jobs

Bengaluru: Facebook parent Meta is laying off 11,000 people, translating to about 13 per cent of its workforce, as it contends with dipping revenue and broader industry issues, CEO Mark Zuckerberg said in a letter to employees on Wednesday | P13

Policy to extend perks to gig workers soon

Bengaluru: The state government is all set to come out with a new policy under which benefits like weekly-offs, Employee's State Insurance (ESI) and Provident Fund and health insurance will be extended to those working in the unorganised sector | P5

Sanjay Raut gets bail in money laundering case

Mumbai: Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut stepped out of jail on Wednesday, after a special court granted him bail in a money laundering case related to the Patra Chawl redevelopment project, in which he was held by the ED on August 1 this year | P10

Upset over daughter's affair, man pushes her into canal

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

IN a case of honour killing, a man killed his minor daughter by pushing her into the gushing Tungabhadra canal near Kudatini town in Ballari district on October 31. The accused, Omkar Gouda (46), surrendered before the police on November 8 and admitted to the crime.

He told the police that he was not happy with his daughter's love affair with a youth from another community and hence decided to kill her.

The police said that the mother of the victim had lodged a missing complaint on November 1 after her husband and daughter did not return home.

On the day of the murder, the accused took his daughter to a bank, took her transfer signature and got Rs 20 lakh deposited into his account. Later, he took her for a Kannada movie and also bought her a new pair of gold earrings. While returning home, he stopped his two-wheeler near the Tungabhadra canal and asked her to wait.

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Glitch alert! Don't pay Bescom bills online

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (Bescom) has asked citizens to pay their bills manually this month, instead of the online bill payment mode. Technical glitches in the electricity bills of more consumers have led to them being asked to pay much higher amounts than mentioned on their bills while making e-payments.

Many Bescom consumers have received online bills that

are four to five times higher than the amounts mentioned on their actual bills, creating confusion and panic among citizens. They pointed out that the difference in amounts was seen on multiple e-payment portals, including the Bescom e-payment one.

"The printed Bescom bill, which came home was of ₹1,800, but when I tried to pay it online, as I normally do, I found the amount to be ₹5,400. I have no dues or pend-

ing bills. The transaction history shows no errors. I try to enter the actual amount, but I am unable to do so. I am trying to contact Bescom for assistance, but no one is available," said Rohini B, a resident.

Similar was the case with Urvashi M, another resident who found the online bill generated to be higher than the manual bill generated. She said the online bill was ₹6,000 as against her manual bill of ₹1,900. P2

Nirav loses case in UK HC on extradition

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

FUGITIVE diamondaire Nirav Modi on Wednesday lost his appeal against extradition at the High Court in London after two British lord justices upheld a district judge's ruling in favour of sending him to India.

Nirav is sought by Indian investigating authorities for fraud and money laundering for syphoning out ₹13,600 crore through fake Letters of Undertaking of the Punjab National Bank. He had cited poor mental health in his appeal, but the court ruled that the risk of his committing suicide was not such

that it would be either unjust or oppressive to extradite him. Lord Justice Jeremy Stuart-Smith and Justice Robert Jay, who presided over the appeal at the Royal Courts of Justice, found District Judge Sam Goozee's Westminster Magistrates' Court order of 2021 was sound. Nirav remains lodged at Wandsworth Prison in south-west London since his arrest in March 2019.

However, his actual extradition might not happen immediately as he can move the British Supreme Court within the next 14 days if the high court certifies that his case is a point of law of general public importance. Else, he can always approach the European Court of Human Rights.

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